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SUBJECT: LETTER TO WAIYAKI ON SITING OF HABITAT SECRETARIAT

REF: NAIROBI 12029

1. FOR NAIROBI: PLEASE CONVEY TO FONMIN WAIYAKI FOLLOW-  
ING LETTER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFEELE:

"DEAR MR. MINISTER: SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS ASKED ME TO  
RESPOND TO YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 18, IN WHICH YOU PRO-  
VIDED FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING YOUR GOVERNMENT'S  
VIEWS ON THE SITING OF THE HABITAT SECRETARIAT WHICH YOU  
HAD DISCUSSED WITH THE SECRETARY IN YOUR MEETING ON  
OCTOBER 8. THERE HAVE BEEN FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS  
ISSUE SINCE YOUR FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR  
MARSHALL ON NOVEMBER 2, WHICH I KNOW WILL BE OF INTEREST  
TO YOU.

"DEBATE IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN THE UNGA'S SECOND

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COMMITTEE ON THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF THE HABITAT REPORT,  
INCLUDING INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. HAVING NOTED THE

WIDELY DIVERGENT VIEWS ON THE QUESTION OF INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, THE US HAS CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE -- AND POSSIBLY DAMAGING TO FUTURE PROGRESS ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS MATTERS -- TO PRESS A FINAL DECISION ON INSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS AT THIS YEAR'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY. ACCORDINGLY, THE US DELEGATION HAS SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING AS A POSSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION: 1) TO MOVE FORWARD NOW WITH BROADENED REGIONAL ECONOMIC PROGRAMS IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS; 2) TO PERMIT THE CURRENT INSTITUTIONS OPERATING IN THE SECTOR TO REMAIN IN PLACE AND CONTINUE TO FUNCTION IN A COORDINATED FASHION IN THIS AREA, THROUGH PERHAPS AN INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE; 3) PERHAPS TO ALTER THE CURRENT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING TO EXPAND ITS MEMBERSHIP TO 58 MEMBERS AND HAVE IT SERVE AS THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING THE UN SYSTEMS HUMAN SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES AND PROVIDE A FORUM FOR CONTINUING THE DIALOGUE WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS; AND 4) TO ALLOW TIME FOR A MORE THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THE FACTORS WHICH IMPACT ON A SENSIBLE SELECTION OF AN INSTITUTIONAL LINK AND LOCATION FOR GLOBAL HUMAN SETTLEMENTS MATTERS IN THE UN SYSTEM.

"IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS SUGGESTION IS RECEIVING SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION BY OTHER DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK. WE ASSUME, INASMUCH AS THIS SOLUTION WOULD LEAVE THE PRESENT LOCATION OF THE UN HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT FOUNDATION UNDISTURBED IN NAIROBI, THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WOULD FIND THIS COMPROMISE APPROACH ACCEPTABLE. YOU MAY BE SURE THAT THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION IN NEW YORK IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE KENYAN DELEGATION IN AN EFFORT TO ASSURE THAT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE INTERIM SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM IS FOUND.

"SECRETARY KISSINGER AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING CLOSE CONSULTATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ON A WIDE VARIETY OF ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. IT IS OUR FIRM BELIEF THAT COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRIES CAN BE FURTHER INTENSIFIED THROUGH SUCH EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AND VIEWS. SINCERELY, WILLIAM E. SCHAUFLELE."

2. FOR USUN: DELEGATION SHOULD ASSURE THAT KENYAN DELEGATION IS CLOSELY CONSULTED AS THE DRAFT RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE THE SECOND COMMITTEE'S DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE IS DEVELOPED. KISSINGER

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